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"SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PREPARING
AUTOLOGOUS FIBRIN GLUE"

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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows prior to examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

35. (New) A system for separating red blood cells from plasma, the system comprising:
- a sealed primary container containing a separation medium and a high-viscosity liquid, the separation medium being capable of separating red blood cells from plasma when the container contains blood and is centrifuged, the primary container having a first pressure;
 - a sealed secondary container having a second pressure that is less than the first pressure; and
 - a transfer device comprising a cannula having a first end and a second end, the first and second ends being capable of puncturing the sealed primary and secondary containers in order to provide fluid communication between the first and second containers, the high-

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